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SUBJECT: ANDEAN PACT OFFICIAL CALLS FOR GREATER LA COHESION

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1. JAVIER SILVA RUETE, DIRECTOR OF THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION, IN AN AUGUST 27 PRESS INTERVIEW HERE CALLED FOR GREATER COHESIVENESS ON THE PART OF LA COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO PRESENT A UNITED FRONT IN INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS SUCH AS THE GATT AND IN WORLD MONETARY DISCUSSIONS. (SILVA RUETE IS IN MEXICO CITY TO ATTEND AN ANDEAN PACT-MEXICAN SEMINAR BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL.)

2. WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CECLA, SILVA RUETE SAID THAT THIS ORGANIZATION PROVIDES A USEFUL FORUM FOR THE EXPRESSION OF LA VIEWS, BUT THAT IN ORDER TO BE TRULY EFFECTIVE CECLA MEMBERS SHOULD MANAGE TO AGREE UPON BASIC POSITIONS AND STICK BY THEM. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS NOT NOW BEING DONE. "WE ARE A LARGE GROUP OF DIVIDED COUNTRIES WHO DO NOT HAVE A COMMON POSITION WITH WHICH TO FACE THE COMBINED FORCE OF THE GREAT POWERS, WHO SIT DOWN AMONG THEMSELVES AND DECIDED ON THE FATE OF THE WORLD," HE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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QUOTED BY THE MEXICAN DAILY EXCELSIOR AS HAVING SAID.

3. SILVA RUETE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT LA MUST PROCEED RAPIDLY IN THE DIRECTION OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. HE NOTED THAT LAFTA, THE ANDEAN PACT, AND OTHER REGIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS ARE ONLY JUST BEGINNING TO BE DEVELOPED, AND, HE OPINED, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS LATIN AMERICA IS FULLY INTEGRATED AND ECONOMICALLY STRONG, ITS VOICE WILL NOT BE HEEDED ON THE WORLD ECONOMIC SCENE.

4. COMMENT: THE MEXICAN PRESS IN RECENT DAYS CARRIED REPORTS ORIGINATING IN BRASILIA (SEE PARA 4 REFTTEL) SUGGESTING THAT THE ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES AND MEXICO HAD URGED THAT A "TOUGH" LINE BE TAKEN BY CECLA COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE GATT TALKS, BUT THAT THEY WERE OPPOSED BY OTHER LAS, INCLUDING BRAZIL. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS LACK OF COHESIVENESS AT THE LATEST CECLA MEETING IS IN PART AT LEAST BEHIND THE ANDEAN PACT OFFICIAL'S STATEMENTS REPORTED ABOVE.
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